Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

October 20th, 1885.

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In reference to the communication of Mr A. Glock addressed to the Director relative to a face cutting machine used in European mints, I have the honor to state, that at the time the Sims assorting machine was erected at the mint, we were advised of the cutting machine and it was thought then, that it was not required.

Owing to the small working allowance we have on the planchets, and in case the blanks should not be uniform in thickness, as may happen, a hand adjustment would probably give a safer and quicker result in reducing the small percentage of heavy planchets that appear in our work, and I think it very questionable whether it would be a saving to introduce extra machinery for this purpose.

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The automatic assorting machines referred to, are working very satisfactorily under our management and have no cause of complaint in reference to them.

Very Respectfully.
Your Obt. Servant
W. E. Steel
Coiner

Hon. Daniel M. Fox.
Superintendent.

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